

# Several Sponsors Signed for Little League

## Patrol Chief Meets Officials On Economy Run

B. R. Caldwell, newly-appointed commissioner of the California Highway Patrol, will meet today with General Petroleum executives to discuss preparations for one of the state's most significant safety events.

He will meet with Robert L. Minkler, president of General Petroleum Corporation; Clarence S. Beesemyer, General Petroleum executive; and A. C. Pillsbury of the American Automobile Association on plans for the 1953 Mobilgas Economy Run, starting April 20.

Prime consideration of the Highway Patrol in the Run is safety. Caldwell pointed out, just as prime consideration of the Run itself is to emphasize the principle that safe driving is economical driving.

**SAFETY RECORD SET**  
"In the last Run," Caldwell said, "an unprecedented safety record was chalked up by participants. During four months of route surveying and driving, 15 trucks and 162 officially designated cars traveled 424,267 miles without an accident or even a scratch or a dent of any kind."

"This is the equivalent of one car driving an average of 10,000 miles per year for 42½ years without an accident. These 177 cars and trucks carried 427 drivers and passengers to give a total of 1,046,845.2 passenger miles of perfect driving safety." Caldwell said that in the interests of safety that the Highway Patrol reports on abnormal road or weather conditions, enforces traffic laws and issues citations to violators, notifies Run officials of highway hazards, and assists in the selection of an alternate route if conditions block progress on the designated course.

He added that the National Safety Council, whose representatives watch the Run every year from an official car, considers the Economy Run a strong supporter of its country-wide safety program.

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## Inglewood Pitchers Tabbed Tops in Loop

(This is the third in a series of Bay League baseball stories covering the Bay League written by sports writers of the area.)

Don't expect to score too many runs off Inglewood pitching. It is the best in the Bay League.

At the present time the Sentinels are just off the pace for the league leadership, but still rate as the team to wind up in front of the sixsome.

Bob Burlingame and Chuck Hart form the throwing combination which should be reason enough for an Inglewood championship.

The only rookies on the team are Coach Chuck Freeman and his fine catcher, sophomore Wally Newberry.

But don't worry about Newberry being a sore-eye. His big bat has put him in the clean-up spot on an all-veteran lineup.

Right around the infield are football-basketball star Gabe Arrillaga at first base, Al Guerrero at second, Bob Keester at shortstop, and Jim Rayor at third.

**Rayor Tops**  
Rayor will give any player a fight for it for third baseman of the year honors. His fielding is superb and his hitting matches his ball-handling.

Coach Freeman is pleased with his veteran outfield combination of Jack Sloan, Tom Montgomery, and Ted London.

Inglewood, from what has been stated, has the base infield in the league and, according to most professors of the game, the infield cuts off plenty of runs at its best.

Inglewood's earned run average is not far behind its entire runs allowed mark, which is an indication of the defensive platoon.

**First Class Hurling**  
Another assist to the fielders is the pitching, which without a question has stamped Inglewood as the team to beat.

Burlingame, a short, stocky hurler, has been on the mound for the past two campaigns and has an earned run average of around one run per game.

He does not throw the ball as hard as his cohort Chuck Hart, but knowing where and how to throw the ball gives Burlingame a slight advantage over his pitching associate.

**Coach Pleased**  
The players who please Coach Freeman the most are Catcher Newberry, a young man with a fine future in baseball, and Jim Rayor at third base.

The latter will not get out of the way of any batted ball and his tosses to Arrillaga at first base are always on the spot.

Arrillaga, a long-ball hitter, forms a fine target for all infielders.

Along with several fine reserves, Coach Freeman has a smart-playing game. More time for hitting would have put the Sentinels on top a long time ago. Possibly his losses to date will keep the race from being turned into a rout.

**Rushfield Assigned to Camp Roberts**  
Pvt. Harvey L. Rushfield of Torrance has been assigned to Camp Roberts, Calif. to begin his military training.

Pvt. Rushfield, whose parents Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rushfield reside at 1630 Acacia, has been assigned to Camp Roberts, 95th Hwy. Tk. Bn. at Camp Roberts.

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## Workouts Slated At Walteria Park

Torrance Little League officials reported this week that enough sponsors for a four-team league have been signed up and enough more have indicated an interest that two such leagues may be formed here this summer.

Reporting to organizers of the league at a meeting Wednesday evening was Tom Coleman, chairman of the sponsorship committee. He said that response to appeals for sponsors at \$300 each for the season, had been higher than expected.

Three team managers have been named, according to Jim Nix, who is heading up that phase of the organization. Named to manage teams are Coleman, Nix, and Lyle Hanon. A fourth manager will be named this week. Coaches have been assigned to each team, Nix said.

**Workouts Slated**  
Workouts have been slated to begin next Saturday on the Walteria diamond. Workouts have been scheduled to open at 10 a.m. Saturday for boys between the ages of 8 and 10. Another practice from 1 p.m. until 3 will be held for boys 11 and 12. The same procedure will be followed on April 25, May 2, and May 9, according to league President Doug Moir.

Present plans call for league play to begin during the week of June 15. All games will be six innings, and must be ended before dark. No team will be able to play more than one game a day.

**Umpires Needed**  
Umpires for the games remains the chief unsolved problem facing the organizers.

Construction of the playing field near Crowsaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy. on the corner of the Torrance Municipal Airport, is continuing at a fast pace. The diamond is about ready for seeding, and plans for a clubhouse, backstop, and bleachers have been drawn up and material lists prepared.

The kids who will later play in the league have been spending their Saturdays on the new field with rakes and hoes helping get it ready for planting.

The league obtained a two-year lease from the city for the diamond site.

**Girls' Softball Teams Sought for City League**  
Preliminary planning to organize a girls softball league here and in Lomita this summer was getting under way this week as the Torrance Recreation Department put out a call for girls to phone the department for team information.

Girls interested in organizing teams or joining a team have been asked to call Torrance 3186 or Lomita 595, according to Frank H. Carpenter, recreation director for the city.

Last year, teams of Torrance and Lomita girls competed in a league during the summer.

**30 Foursomes Paired For Best Ball Tourney**  
Thirty foursomes of golfers—30 women and 30 men—have been paired to tee-off on the annual Spring Lady-Amateur best ball tournament at Alondra Park today.

The foursomes, one lady and three men, will start teeing off at 7:30 today, according to Manager Cecil Hollingsworth.

Trophies to the winners have been put up by the Men's Club, sponsors of the event.

**Harbor Tech Nine Meets SM Tuesday**  
The fifth-place Seahawk nine will tangle with the fourth-place Corsair team from Santa Monica Junior College in a Metropolitan Conference tilt to be played on the Tech diamond on Tuesday afternoon.

In a previous meeting of the two teams on March 13, the Corsairs edged the Seahawks by a 6-4 score due to too many costly Seahawk errors, including a double-play try that let in 2 runs.

Probable starting pitcher for the Tech team will be Gene Dupree, who has a 1-2 record in conference competition. Other Tech pitchers who will see action include Phil Stoy and Don Clark. Ron Farish and George de la Torre are the leading Tech batsmen whom Coach Norm Kettering will be counting on to drive in winning runs.

The Tech horseholders will also meet the league-leading Long Beach City College team Friday afternoon, April 17 in a game to be played on the Viking diamond. Starting Tech pitcher for this game will be Marty Zuanich, with Gene Dupree and Jack Caplinger also scheduled for mound duty.

The Tech starting lineup for the Santa Monica game will be Baker, c; Miller, 1b; Nelson, 2b; Strong, 3b; De la Torre, ss; Farish, lf; Larrieu, cf; Jacobs, rf.

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## Tartars Drop Pair Of League Contests

Coach Dick Leech and his Tartar horseholders returned from Easter vacation last Monday, but that is about all—in two league frays they haven't scored a run.

The Tartars resumed Bay League play Tuesday by hosting Redondo Beach and paid for the afternoon's frolic to the tune of an 8-0 defeat.

Joe Watt pitched three-hit ball during the shutout while the Seahawks were collecting eight hits from Gary Hakanson and Tommy Mills. On the same day, Leuzinger took Santa Monica 5-3, and Beverly Hills beat Inglewood, 3-2.

Thursday afternoon, the Tartars sent Larry Roy against Beverly Hills and Roy came through with a two-hit pitching effort—but his teammates could not get a man around the bases, losing 2-0.

The Tartars will have another go at a league team here Tuesday afternoon when the Inglewood Sentinels show up at 3 p.m. The Sentinels are still rated

**Vikings Win Annual Relay**  
The Santa Monica Vikings retained the Green-Badenoch Trophy at the Inglewood Relays Friday afternoon as they won the meet for the fourth time in the event's 15-year history.

Santa Monica won the annual relays 39-37½ when the four-man 880 nipped the Inglewood team at the tape for the final event.

Coach Vern Wolfe's Tartars pulled up with 12 points in the varsity class to tie with Redondo Beach for fourth place behind Samohi, Inglewood, and Leuzinger. The Olympians garnered 14 points.

Torrance made its points with a fourth place in the four-man mile and third in the four-man two-mile. Bellflower cut nearly seven seconds off the meet record in winning the latter event in 8:17.7.

The Tartar Bees won second in their class behind Santa Monica. The Samohi Bees made 33 points, Torrance 17, and Beverly Hills 16.

The Cees played fourth fiddle to Santa Monica, Redondo, and Morningtide by garnering 13 points in their division.

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